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### Shipment and Allocation of SUV Gasoline

1. Austria's current gasoline shortage appears to be a direct result of a new Soviet policy to ship a major portion of SMV gasoline to the Satellite countries.\* [REDACTED]
- the SMV is now holding large gasoline reserves in this storage area until railroad tank cars are available for shipment to the East. Meanwhile, the SMV has initiated economy measures throughout its enterprises; it has not only reduced but in some cases has completely cut off monthly gasoline allocations to SMV personnel. For example, KASURA, Director of the SMV Purchasing Office, now receives only 300 liters of gasoline per month and MITELMAN, SMV purchasing official, 200 liters per month. The SMV has also discontinued granting a 10 to 15 percent discount on gasoline purchases made by some of its subsidiary firms.

## Exploratory Drilling in Czechoslovakia

2. It is rumored among SMV engineers employed in oil fields along the Austro-Czechoslovak border that recent exploratory drilling projects across the border in Czechoslovakia have brought successful results.

### SMV Purchases

3. During the past week the SMV has purchased large quantities of hydrochloric acid from Ebenzeer, Solvay-Werke, Solvay & Cie. and Donau Chemie A.G., and on 1 November 1949 the SMV started despatching railroad cars to Hungary to expedite hydrochloric acid shipments from Budapest. It seems likely from this sudden emphasis on procurement of hydrochloric acid that the SMV may be trying to build up reserve stocks.
4. The SMV Purchasing Office has made the following cash payments since 24 October 1949 for the purchases listed below:

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<u>Firm</u>	<u>Item Purchased</u>	<u>Payment in Schillings</u>
"Semperit" Gummiwerke A.G.	Tires	93,000.00
Siemens-Schuckert	2 welding units	21,462.00
Mannesmann-Trauzl A.G.	Cylinder boxes	10,860.00
Eisen- und Stahl A.G.	Corrugated sheet metal	3,884.32
Donaueisen- und Stahl A.G.	Outstanding debt	2,855.70
USIA	Cable	14,467.74
St. Egydyer Eisen- und Stahl Industrie-Gesellschaft	Cable and wire	140,896.00

5. "Semperit" Oesterreichisch-Amerikanische Gummiwerke A.G. is now manufacturing 16 x 25 x 4,000; 16 x 25 x 4,500; 16 x 25 x 5,000; and 16 x 25 x 8,000 fan belts specifically for the SMV. At the same time the SMV is purchasing "Semperit" automobile tires, which are ordered every month by a Lt. Col. DENIS in the Hotel Imperial. These "Semperit" products are delivered to the SMV only after receipt of advance payment in full to a "Semperit" account in the Soviet Military Bank.

Shipments Received by the SMV

6. During the past few weeks SMV employees have noted a marked increase in the volume of shipments from the USSR. Among the most recent shipments received at the SMV Central Warehouse in Neusiedl a/d Zaya were:
- 9 carloads containing 130,850 kilograms of 6 5/8 inch pipe from Tangarog
  - 4 carloads containing 101,425 kilograms of pipe from Nikopol
  - 2 carloads containing 50,200 kilograms of pipe from Aneprovo\*\*
  - 4 carloads containing 50,576 kilograms of 10 3/4 inch pipe from Vitkovice, Czechoslovakia.
  - 1 carload containing 398 sacks of barite weighing a total of 20,000 kilograms from the Selbar Company, Lecco, Italy.\*\*\*
7. Between 1 and 15 October 1949 the SMV Central Warehouse at Neusiedl a/d Zaya received 20 carloads containing a total of 384,755 kilograms of the following types of pipe:
- 112,920 kilograms of 4 inch conduit pipe.
  - 116,505 kilograms of 6 5/8 inch conduit pipe.  
(zoll)
  - 104,830 kilograms of 16 inch/drilling pipe. (sic)  
(zoll)
  - 50,500 kilograms of 18 inch/drilling pipe. (sic)
8. The following is a breakdown of pipe shipments which the SMV received from the Soviet Union during August and September 1949:

Number of Pipe Sections

Diameter of Pipe in Inches (Zoll)

707  
436  
25  
203  
291  
224  
1,667

6 5/8  
10 3/4  
14  
60 (sic)  
90 (sic)  
115 (sic)

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3,533

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SMV Personnel

9. SMV dismissal of non-Communist employees continues unabated. Some members of the Austrian Communist Party's Central Committee allege these dismissals are being carried out in retaliation for similar dismissals of Party members recently made by non-USIA Austrian firms. Included among those recently dismissed was Chief Engr. FEIX, an Austrian who has been supervising construction work in the Matzen oil field area and who was responsible for starting construction work on the Nova Schwechat cracking oven.

10. LENZKY, who recently arrived from the Soviet Union to replace SIPIAGIN, SMV purchasing official, has been transferred to USIA. \*\*\*

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 25X1 [ ] reported that the Soviets are shipping gasoline to [ ] Czechoslovakia and  
 25X1 Hungary, and [ ] regarding a  
 recent Moscow order directing the SMV to ship a maximum of its Diesel oil and gaso-  
 line to Soviet and Hungarian troops in Southern Hungary.

25X1\*\* [ ] Comment: Aneprovo cannot be identified in available gazetteers.

\*\*\* [ ] Comment: It should be noted that "Salbar" is the correct spelling of the  
 name of the Lecco firm.

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